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Attorney Docket No. 229752001400

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

S. Kent et al.

Group Art Unit: to be assigned

Serial No.: 09/831,307

Examiner: to be assigned

Filed: May 8, 2001

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Title: A VIPOX VECTOR CODING AN HIV ANTIGEN AND A CYTOKINE

ATTN: PCT LEGAL OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION REGARDING DEFECTIVE DECLARATION

In response to the Notification Regarding Defective Declaration, mail dated January 14, 2003, applicant respectfully provides the following materials and information.

In the Notification received from Richard Cole, legal examiner, and Derek Putonen, attorney advisor, both of the PCT Legal Office, applicant is advised that the declaration submitted on January 7, 2002, with regard to this application is defective because it names three inventors whereas the international application names only two, Stephen Kent and Ian Allister. The third person named on the allegedly defective declaration, David B. Boyle, is listed on the international application, not as an applicant/inventor, but only as an applicant and thus, his signature of the declaration renders the declaration defective.

The Notification also indicates that a proper response to the Notification may be made by showing that a change was made under PCT Rule 92bis indicating that Mr.

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Boyle was an applicant/inventor and not just an applicant, provided that the change was requested prior to the National Stage filing date of May 9, 2001.

Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a copy of applicant's request under PCT Rule 92bis, that Mr. Boyle be changed from applicant to applicant/inventor. As indicated therein, the request was properly and timely filed with the Commissioner on Patents of the Australian Patent Office, acting as the International Receiving Office, on January 13, 2000, nearly 16 months prior to the national stage filing date.

In addition, and to further confirm that the request was properly submitted prior to the National Phase filing date, also enclosed is a copy of the Notification of the Recording of a Change received from the International Bureau of WIPO, indicated that the change was properly and timely requested and there after recorded. That Notification of Recording of a Change should have been transmitted to all national stage patent offices, in this case, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Thus, as the change of Mr. Boyle from applicant to applicant/inventor was properly and timely made by applicant, no further response to the Notification is required and the declaration previously submitted is not defective.

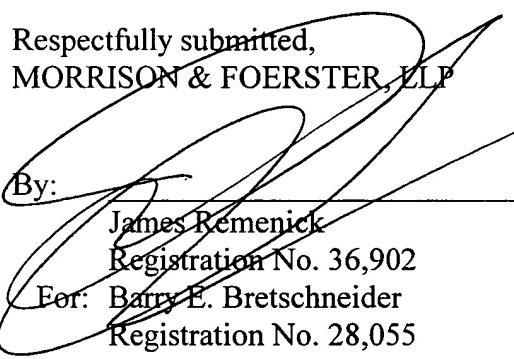
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Conclusion

Although no fees are believed to be due with the filing of this response, if there are any fees that are later determined to be due, please charge any and all such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1931.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosed: Request for Change under PCT Rule 92bis
Notification of the Recording of a Change

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Acting as the International Receiving Office

Our Ref: 2231646/TDO/AG

Re: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
AND The Australian National University AND The Macfarlane
Burnet Centre for Medical Research
International Patent Application No. PCT/AU99/00989
"Avipox vector coding an HIV antigen and a Cytokine"

Sir,

In partial response to the Invitation to Correct Defects dated 15 December 1999, we enclose herewith the following:

1. Formal Figures.
2. Power of Attorney (x 2)

Upon reviewing the PCT Request Form, it has come to our attention that an inadvertent error occurred in relation to detailing the Applicant details pertaining to David Bernard Boyle. We respectfully request that under the provisions of Rule 92bis of the PCT Regulations, the details in relation to Dr. Boyle be amended to correctly read as follows:

* III-4-1 This person is: *Applicant and Inventor*
III-4-2 Applicant for: *US only*

Dr. Boyle is currently designated as Applicant only for all designated states except the United States. This is incorrect and we respectfully request the International Receiving Office to resolve this matter by amending Dr. Boyle's details.

Yours respectfully,
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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)Date of mailing (day/month/year)
23 May 2001 (23.05.01)

To:

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AUSTRALIEApplicant's or agent's file reference
2231646--TDO

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/AU99/00989 *AU*International filing date (day/month/year)
09 November 1999 (09.11.99)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

 the applicant the inventor the agent the common representative

Name and Address

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US)State of Nationality State of Residence
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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

 the person the name the address the nationality the residence

Name and Address

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

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<input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned
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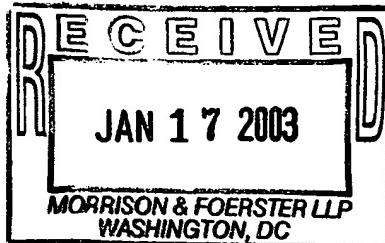


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For: A VIPOX VECTOR CODING AN HIV
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NOTIFICATION REGARDING
DEFECTIVE DECLARATION
AND
REQUIREMENT FOR NEW
DECLARATION OR REQUEST
UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)

This is to notify applicants that the declaration filed on 07 January 2002 in the above-captioned application is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and that a new declaration or submission under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is required.

BACKGROUND

On 09 November 1999, applicants filed the above-captioned international application, which claimed a priority date of 09 November 1998 and designated the United States. The international application named Stephen Kent and Ian Allister Ramshaw as applicants/inventors and David Bernard Boyle as an applicant only. A Demand for international preliminary examination was filed prior to 19 months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee expired at midnight on 09 November 2001.

On 08 May 2001, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a basic national fee of \$860 and a PCT International Search Report.

On 15 June 2001, applicant was mailed a "Notification of Missing Requirements" (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.492(a) and (b) and the surcharge 37 CFR 1.492(e). The notification set a two-month time limit in which to respond.

On 14 September 2001, applicants filed a declaration naming as inventors and signed by: Stephen Kent, Ian Allister Ramshaw and David Bernard Boyle. The response was accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time and thus timely filed.

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On 06 December 2001, applicant was mailed a "Notification of Defective Response" (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) requiring an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.492(a) and (b), payment of the appropriate surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e), as well as, the filing of a sequence listing for the present application.

On 07 January 2002, applicant filed a declaration naming as inventors and signed by: Stephen Kent, Ian Allister Ramshaw and David Bernard Boyle and a sequence listing.

DISCUSSION

The declaration filed 07 January 2002 is not acceptable. Specifically, the declaration sets forth an additional inventor (David Bernard Boyle) who has not been named in the international application. Mr. Boyle was listed as an applicant only in the published international application. As such, the filed declaration is a defective response to the "Notification of Defective Response" mailed 06 December 2001 indicating that the declaration was not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68. However, since the "Notification of Defective Response" did not indicate the fact that the declaration was also defective since an additional inventor appeared on the declaration, applicant is hereby afforded **ONE (1) MONTH** to file one of the following responses:

Applicant must submit either: 1) a submission under 37 CFR 1.497(d) requesting correction of the inventors named in the international application to include David Bernard Boyle, (2) a new declaration naming and signed by only by Stephen Kent and Ian Allister Ramshaw accompanied by an acceptable explanation of the misnaming of the inventor on the present declaration, or (3) a showing that a change under PCT Rule 92bis was made prior to the National stage filing.

A submission under 37 CFR 1.497(d) to correct an error in naming inventorship requires:

- (1) a petition including a statement from each person being added or deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on his or her part;
- (2) an oath or declaration by the actual inventor(s) as required by 37 CFR 1.63;
- (3) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and
- (4) if an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee in compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

CONCLUSION

A proper response, as discussed above, must be filed within **ONE (1) MONTH** of the date of mailing of this notification. No extensions of this time limit may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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